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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington DC 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Patent Office Action dated November 4, 2004, please consider the following remarks.

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Remarks

The following numbered paragraphs are provided to respond to the similarly numbered paragraphs in the Office Action (e.g., paragraph "4" below corresponds to paragraph 4 in the Office Action).

4-19 The Office Action rejected claim 1 as obvious over the Microsoft reference in view of Watts and Gulick. Applicant respectfully yet strongly traverses this rejection.

As recognized in the Office Action, neither of the Microsoft reference nor Watts teaches that non-preferred applications that are booted should be disabled.

Similarly, Gulick fails to teach or suggest that non-preferred applications are automatically disabled after preferred applications are enabled as required by claim 1. To this end, Gulick teaches that when an application is attempted to be initiated and insufficient resources are available to perform the application, a user may, in at